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SENATE P.S. Res. No. 897

Introduced by: Senator Raffy T. Tulfo

RESOLUTION

DIRECTING THE APPROPRIATE SENATE COMMITTEE TO UNDERTAKE AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, TO REVIEW THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PHILHEALTH RATING SYSTEM UNDER THE R.A. 11223 OR THE **UNIVERSAL HEALTH CARE ACT.**

WHEREAS, the Universal Health Care Act was signed into law in 2019 which

2 provided all Filipinos equitable access to affordable and quality health care goods and services, and protection against financial risks; 3 4 WHEREAS, the Universal Health Care Act is in line with the global movement of the World Health Organization for Universal Health Coverage; 5 WHEREAS, Section 27 of the UHC Act states that the Philhealth shall establish a 6 rating system under an incentive scheme to acknowledge and reward health facilities 7 that provide better service quality, efficiency and equity; 8 WHEREAS, it has been reported that during the first two years of the Pandemic, 9 deaths were not only from COVID-19 but also from other health conditions that could 10 have been prevented if patients were able to access timely treatment; 11 WHEREAS, the cost of medical treatment has become a burden and a luxury for 12 our people who need medical care and attention. There is a need to provide them with 13 efficient and affordable healthcare;

WHEREAS, there is a need for medical facilities to be transparent in their costing of services, facilities, treatment, and medicines, in order for the government to regulate their prices and inform the people in the choice of medical treatment and facility that they will avail of;

RESOLVED BY THE SENATE, as it is hereby resolved, to direct the appropriate senate committee to conduct an investigation, in aid of legislation, to conduct a review of the implementation of Sec. 27 of R.A 11223 or the Universal Healthcare Act to ensure that all Filipinos have access to affordable, readily available and quality healthcare service.

EXFFY T. TULFO

Senator

Adopted,